Highlights

All Crosswalk users who have Version 4.5 installed on their computers do not have to do a full software installation to begin FY05 processing. All that is required is to download the program executable, the program database, and your state database.

NPEFS URL: http://www.surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs/

Transfer to Server

- The FY05 processing year brings the migration of the NPEFS data collection software to the NCES servers. Respondents will barely notice any changes in the way they use the Crosswalk software to process their NPEFS report. However, a change in the URL to access the NCES website will be the one difference along with an additional processing step to move the completed NPEFS submission from the Crosswalk software to the NPEFS Web application. In the prior year respondents would open the Crosswalk software and click the "transfer to server" option located within the main menu bar under FILE. By choosing this option, the automatic transfer of the completed report to the Census Web servers occurred. This process will be slightly different in that respondents will now manually upload their submissions (after choosing the "transfer to server" option from the Crosswalk software) through the NPEFS Web application and browse to the target directory for the file to be uploaded.

- NCES standards require the "username" and "password" combination for entry to their servers. Usernames and passwords will be provided.

Upload Process

1) Choose FILE>transfer to server
2) Open browser and enter NPEFS URL
3) Enter Username and Password
4) Select "Upload Data" from the left side of the Main Page
5) Browse for the file ST05.dat (ST = 2 letter state abbreviation)
6) Choose SUBMIT